

## APPARATUS, SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DESIGN SUPPORT

## ABSTRACT

5 A design support system comprising a digital document related  
module for storing a digital document used for a design  
operation, a geometry data related module for storing geometry  
data designed during the design operation, and a reference  
relationship related module for generating reference  
10 relationship information (a digital document that includes a  
reference relationship to geometry data, or geometry data that  
include a reference relationship to a digital document) that  
is established between a specific digital document and  
specific geometry data. To display the reference relationship  
from the digital document to the geometry data, the digital  
document related module calls up and displays the digital  
15 document, while adding and displaying information to the  
digital document concerning a link to the reference target  
geometry data.